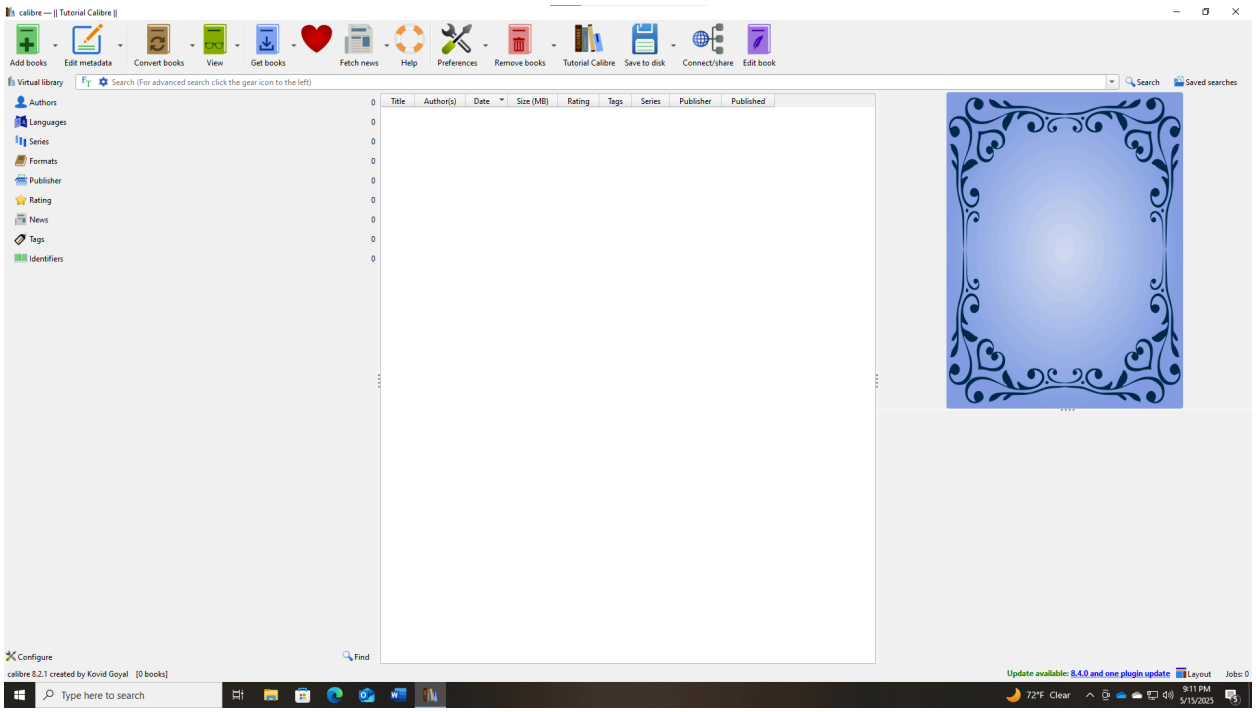
How to code your Calibre! (Sorry if this awkward…I'm just like that I fear)

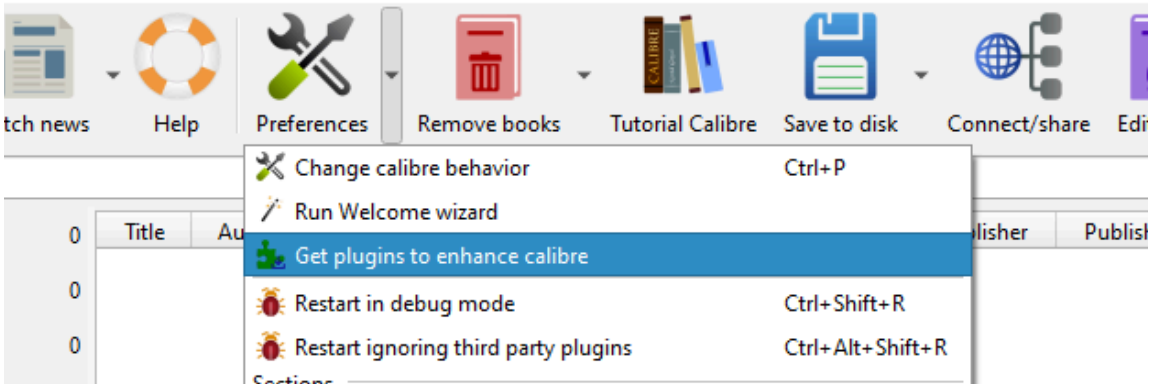
1) Get Calibre: It's fairly simple! Just follow the download directions for your system!
   https://calibre-ebook.com/download

Once downloaded the homepage should look mostly like this: (though there will be an auto book from the creator in place of the random purple cover..thing on mine.)

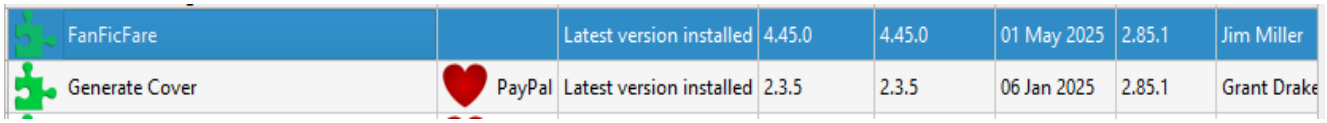


Time for plugins now! (These are where the code comes into play so they need the most time and attention)

You need the fanfiction data pulling AND cover generating plugins!
The plug-ins are found under the **'preferences'** tab at the top! (screwdriver and wrench icon) as **'get plugins to enhance calibre'** with a puzzle piece icon.

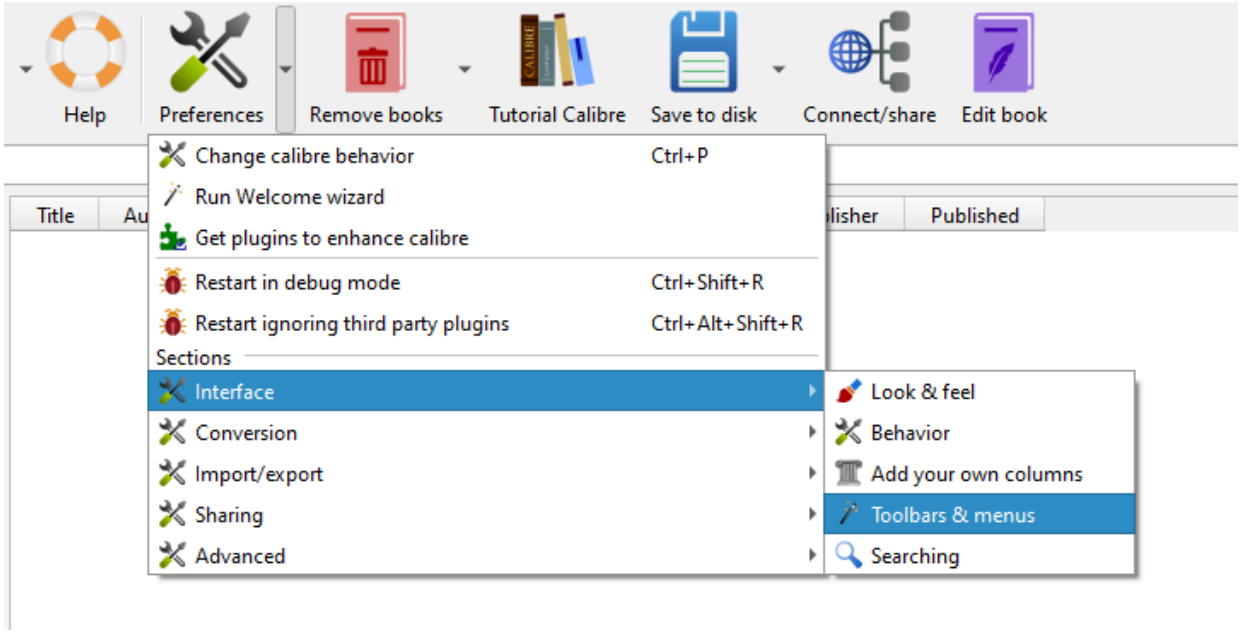


You will need the **“fanficfare”** and **“generate cover”** plugins. As they download it will restart the application to save them. (Don’t worry, they’re safe to add btw!)

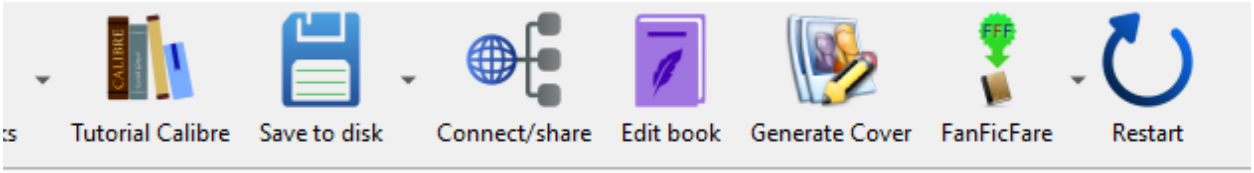

FanFicFare Latest version installed 4.45.0 4.45.0 01 May 2025 2.85.1 Jim Miller
Generate Cover PayPal Latest version installed 2.3.5 2.3.5 06 Jan 2025 2.85.1 Grant Drake

(sorry this is a horrid screenshot)

Also, just a recommendation, take the time to add them to your “main toolbar” through the **preferences > interface> toolbars and menus tabs** ! It’s so helpful for later. ADD THE RESTART BUTTON TOO. (has a blue circled arrow icon)



Once you do that, the toolbar should look something like THIS now:

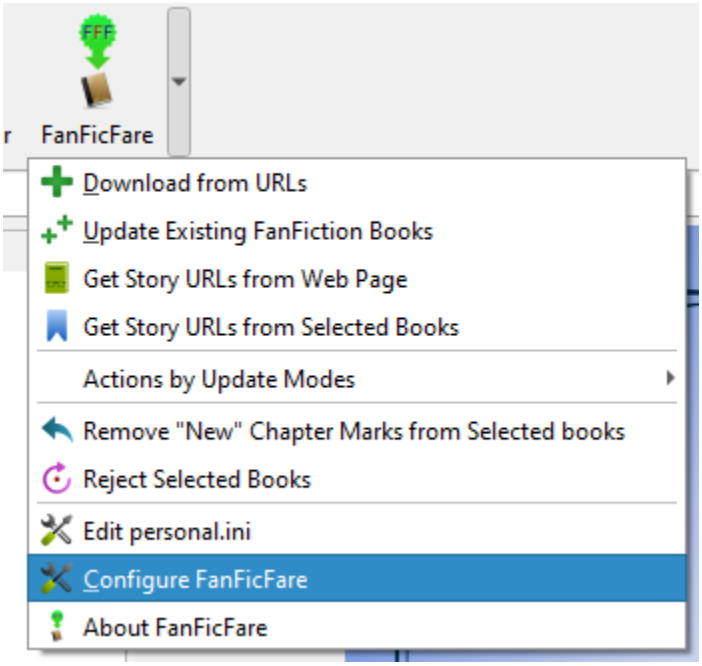


By the way, don't be afraid to mess with the settings for the toolbar to add stuff you might like, it won't hurt anything :)

Okay, now the kinda intimidating part if you don't look at code. I promise it's easier than it ever looks!

FanficFare First!

"Configure Fanficfare" is where you will be doing EVERYTHING code and other setting adjustment wise for the plugin so if you are confused where something for it is, it's going to be in that area. (click the ARROW ON THE RIGHT OF THE PLUGIN ICON, NOT STRAIGHT ON THE PLUGIN BTW.)



Now, go to **Fanficfare > Configure FanficFare > personal.ini > Edit personal.ini :** If you don't wanna mess with it (not recommended to mess with it if you're new to this btw) DELETE IT ALL and just slap my code in instead (with your info tho obviously) The code is below:

(Also, I am so sorry but I only use Archive of Our Own for my fic sourcing, but I'm sure it can't be too difficult to figure out or get help from someone for others? Everything in the code that changes the tags' titles will be using the Archive of Our Own language though, because I like that. You can low key change the wording if you want though.)

My Code! **MAKE SURE YOU GO THROUGH AND CHANGE IT TO HAVE YOUR OWN INFORMATION, I WILL NOTE IT WITH *"#CHANGE TO YOURS"* IN THE CODE :) (yes…its long but it's necessary…just paste and change the few things I note in it)**

> **Also don't run the plugin until you check it all over and add your stuff or it will look broken! Don't put the stuff in bold when you change it though, just regular…non-bold typing :)**

!!!Also the way i have my code set up is to help avoid the archive from crashing with the outflux of data and to speed up downloading. So it WILL auto open the fics in your browser and also all of the tabs for the chapters and such. I promise It's supposed to do that. You're not getting hacked, but it may scare you because it takes over your browser for a second to get them open. That is why you have to add your browser cache in the one section.!!!

I also have my archive account logged in and there is the option for you to do so on this code where I noted to change it to yours, but if you don't feel comfortable, you don't have to… You just can't access adult works. Don't miss it if you want to use your account though, it's almost all the way at the bottom.

MY CODE: (yes, it is like….super long that is why i made it tiny font lol)

[defaults]
is_adult:true
always_login:true
Browser_cache_path: **#CHANGE TO YOUR BROWSER CACHE – google can help you to know where to find it btw.**
Date formats used by FanFicFare. Published and Update don't have time.
See http://docs.python.org/library/datetime.html#strftime-strptime-behavior
Note that ini format requires % to be escaped as %%.
datePublished_format:%%B %%d, %%Y
dateUpdated_format:%%B %%d, %%Y

category_label:Fandom
chapterslashtotal_label:Chapters
additional_characters_label:Additional Characters
dateRange_label:Date

add_to_extra_valid_entries:,additional_characters,dateRange,icon_bookmarked,icon_subscribed,icons,prefix_category,prefix_rating,prefix_ships,prefix_status,prefix_wordcount

include_in_additional_characters:characters
include_in_prefix_ships:ships
include_in_prefix_category:category
include_in_prefix_rating:rating
include_in_prefix_status:status
include_in_prefix_wordcount:numWords
include_in_dateRange:datePublished,dateUpdated
include_in_icons:icon_bookmarked,rating,icon_subscribed

keep_in_order_category:true
keep_in_order_characters:true
keep_in_order_fandoms:true
keep_in_order_genre:true
keep_in_order_ships:true

keep_in_order_additional_characters:true
keep_in_order_dateRange:true
keep_in_order_icons:true
keep_in_order_prefix_category:true
keep_in_order_prefix_ships:true

add_to_output_css:
 body {
  text-align: left;
  font-family: 'Noto Sans', sans-serif;
 }
 body.fff_titlepage {

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 font-size: 2.5vmax;
 font-family: 'Roboto', sans-serif;
}
hr {
 display: block;
 border: 0; border-top: 1px solid;
 padding: 0;
}
.hr-sect {
 display: flex;
 flex-basis: 100%%;
 align-items: center;
 text-align: center;
 margin: 5px 0px;
}
.hr-sect:before,
.hr-sect:after {
  content: "";
  flex-grow: 1;
  height: 1px;
  border: 0; border-top: 1px solid;
  font-size: 0px;
  line-height: 0px;
  margin: 0px 8px;
}
.fff_titlepage .title h1,
.fff_titlepage .title h2 {
 font-family: 'Roboto', sans-serif;
 font-size: 3vmax;
 margin: 0;
}
.fff_titlepage .title h1 { font-weight: normal; }
.fff_titlepage .title h1 a { font-weight: bold; }
.fff_titlepage .title a,
.fff_titlepage .tags a,
.fff_titlepage .tag-summary-content a {
 text-decoration: none;
 color: unset;
}
.fff_titlepage .tag-summary-content a {
 font-style: italic;
}
.fff_titlepage .tag-summary-content p {
 margin-top: 0;
}
.fff_titlepage .tags {
 display: block;
 padding: 0;
}
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 .fff_titlepage dl .inline dd {
   display: inline;
   margin: 0;
 }
 .fff_titlepage dl .inline dd:after {
   display: block;
   content: '';
 }
 .fff_titlepage dl .inline dt {
   display: inline-block;
 }
 .fff_titlepage dd { margin-left: 0.75em; }
 .fff_titlepage dl, .fff_titlepage dt { margin: 0; }
 @media only screen and (max-device-width: 480px),
 only screen and (min-device-width: 768px) and (max-device-width: 1024px) {
            body.fff_titlepage { font-size: inherit; }
 }

replace_metadata:
 rating=> Audiences=>
 category,prefix_category=>No Fandom=>Original Work
 category,prefix_category=> \(?(- All Media Types|- Fandom|Movies|Movie [0-9]+|Comics|TV|Video
Games?)\)?$=>
## Change / to & if friendship is mentioned
 ships=>(.*)[/](.*) \(?[Ff]riendship(?: only)\)?=>\1 & \2
## Remove unnecessary info in character tags to make it cleaner on the titlepage

 additional_characters=> - Character=>
 additional_characters=> ?\((cameo|briefly|if you squint|sort of)\)=>
 additional_characters=> \([Cc]haracter\)=>
 additional_characters=>\(mentions of\) =>
 category,ships= - Fandom$=>
 ships=> - Relationship=>
## Standardize names for consistency
 ships,prefix_ships=>(OFC\/OFC)|(Original Female Character\/Original Female Character)=>Original Female
Character(s)/Original Female Character(s)
## Get first item in list for prefixed tag
## only used with category and ships since they can have multiple entries
 prefix_category_LIST=>^(.*?)(\,.*)=>\1
 prefix_ships_LIST=>^(.*?)(\,.*)=>\1
## Determine icons to show in title page
 icon_bookmarked=>True=>Bookmarked
 icon_subscribed=>True=>Subscribed
 icon_bookmarked=>False=>Not Bookmarked
 icon_subscribed=>False=>Not Subscribed
## Show bookmarked icon, show rating, show subscribed icon
 icons_LIST=>^(Bookmarked\, (.*)\, Subscribed)$=>◆◆ \2 ◆◆
## Don't show bookmarked icon, show rating, don't show subscribed icon
 icons_LIST=>^(Not Bookmarked\, (.*)\, Not Subscribed)$=>◈ \2 ◈
```

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## Don't show bookmarked icon, show rating, show subscribed icon
 icons_LIST=>^(Not Bookmarked\, (.*)\, Subscribed)$=>�� \2 ◈
## Show bookmarked icon, show rating, don't show subscribed icon
 icons_LIST=>^(Bookmarked\, (.*)\, Not Subscribed)$=>�� \2 ◈
## Add prefix to tags
 prefix_ships=>^(.*)=>[p] \1
 prefix_category=>^(.*)=>[c] \1
 prefix_rating=>^(.*)=>[r] \1
 prefix_status=>^(.*)=>[s] \1
## Get word count grouping
 prefix_wordcount=>^(\d+|([0-4],\d{3})*|5,000)$=>[w] 0 - 5000
 prefix_wordcount=>^((?!5,000)([5-9],\d{3})*|10,000)$=>[w] 5001 - 10000
 prefix_wordcount=>^((?!10,000)(1\d,\d{3})*|20,000)$=>[w] 10001 - 20000
 prefix_wordcount=>^((?!20,000)([2-3]\d,\d{3})*|40,000)$=>[w] 20001 - 40000
 prefix_wordcount=>^((?!40,000)([4-7]\d,\d{3})*|80,000)$=>[w] 40001 - 80000
 prefix_wordcount=>^((?!80,000)(([8-9]\d)|(\d{3,}))(,\d{3})+)$=>[w] 80000
## Get date range with published date and updated date
## Thanks to JimmXinu for this
## diff dates     1pmonth    2pday       3pyear   4umonth    5uday       6uyear
 dateRange_LIST=>([^\s]+)\s+(\d{1,2})\,\s+(\d{4})\,\s([^\s]+)\s+(\d{1,2})\,\s+(\d{4})=>\1 \2, \3-\4 \5, \6
## same year      1          2           3       4          5
 dateRange_LIST=>([^\s]+)\s+(\d{1,2})\,\s+(\d{4})-([^\s]+)\s+(\d{1,2})\,\s+\3=>\1 \2-\4 \5, \3
## same month     1          2           3          4
 dateRange_LIST=>([^\s]+)\s+(\d{1,2})-\1\s+(\d{1,2})\,\s+(\d{4})=>\1 \2-\3, \4
## don't need regexp for date day, handled by de-dup.

exclude_metadata_post:
## Removes the character in additional_characters metadata if they are already included in ships metadata
 additional_characters=~Evan "Buck" Buckley&&ships=~Evan "Buck" Buckley
 additional_characters=~Eddie Diaz (9-1-1 TV)&&ships=~Eddie Diaz (9-1-1 TV)

add_to_custom_columns_settings:
 additional_characters=>#additional_characters
 bookmarked=>#work_bookmarked
 subscribed=>#work_subscribed
 chapterslashtotal=>#chapters
 dateRange=>#date_range
 freeformtags=>#additional_tags

## first ship, first category, rating, status, word count - all prefixed in Calibre's tags
include_subject_tags:prefix_ships_LIST,prefix_category_LIST,prefix_rating,prefix_status,prefix_wordcount

titlepage_start:<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
 <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.1//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml11/DTD/xhtml11.dtd">
 <html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
 <head>
 <title>${title} by ${author}</title>
 <link href="stylesheet.css" type="text/css" charset="UTF-8" rel="stylesheet"/>
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 <meta name="calibre-html-render-data"/>
 </head>
 <body class="fff_titlepage">
 <div class="title">
 <h1><a href="${storyUrl}">${title}</a> by ${authorHTML}</h1>
 </div>
 <div class="hr-sect">${icons}</div>
 <dl class="tags">

## ${id}, ${label}, ${value}
titlepage_entry:
 <dt><b>${label}:</b></dt> <dd>${value}</dd>

## ${id}, ${label}, ${value}
## Used with entries listed in wide_titlepage_entries, typically description, storyUrl, authorUrl
titlepage_wide_entry:

## When using tables, make these span both columns.
wide_titlepage_entries:

## ${id}, ${value}
## For example, if you've set description_label:
## (that is, nothing)
titlepage_no_title_entry:

## metadata
titlepage_end:
## <dl class="stats">
## </dl>
 </dl>
 <div class="hr-sect">${numWords} ◆ ${chapterslashtotal}</div>
 </body>
 </html>

[epub]
include_images:true
make_firstimage_cover:false
jpg_quality:100
convert_images_to:png
remove_transparency: false
no_image_processing: true

## Include images from img tags in the body and summary of stories.
## Images will be converted to jpg for size if possible.  Images work
## in epub format only.  To get mobi or other format with images,
## download as epub and use Calibre to convert.
## true by default, uncomment and set false to not include images.
#include_images:true
```

If set false, the summary will have all html stripped for safety.
Both this and include_images must be true to get images in the
summary.
true by default, uncomment and set false to not keep summary html.
#keep_summary_html:true

If set true, and there isn't a specific cover image, the first
image found in the story will be made the cover image. If
keep_summary_html is true, images in the summary will be before any
in chapters.
true by default, uncomment and set false to turn off
#make_firstimage_cover:true

[archiveofourown.org]
username:XXXXXXXX **#CHANGE THIS TO YOURS**
password:XXXXXXXX **#CHANGE THIS TO YOURS**
is_adult:true
use_view_full_work:true
use_browser_cache:true
open_pages_in_browser:true
use_browser_cache_only:true
originally had freeformtags, ao3categories

include_in_icon_bookmarked:bookmarked
include_in_icon_subscribed:subscribed

freeformtags_label:Additional Tags
freefromtags_label:Additional Tags
ao3categories_label:Category

keep_in_order_ao3categories:true
keep_in_order_freeformtags:true

The basic pattern used when not using add_chapter_numbers or
mark_new_chapters
chapter_title_def_pattern:${title}

Pattern used with add_chapter_numbers, but not mark_new_chapters
chapter_title_add_pattern:${number}. ${title} ◆ ${date}

Pattern used with mark_new_chapters, but not add_chapter_numbers
(new) is just text and can be changed.
chapter_title_new_pattern:${title} ◆ ${date} | (NEW)

Pattern used with add_chapter_numbers and mark_new_chapters
(new) is just text and can be changed.
chapter_title_addnew_pattern:${number}. ${title} ◆ ${date} | (NEW)

extra tags (comma separated) to include, primarily for epub.

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extratags:

titlepage_entries:<div
class="inline">,seriesHTML,category,warnings,</div>,ships,additional_characters,freeformtags,<div
class="inline">,dateRange,</div>

add_to_output_css:
 body.fff_titlepage {
  background-color: #123056;
  color: white;
 }

## This section will override anything in the system defaults or other
## sections here.
[overrides]
use_basic_cache:true
is_adult:true

strip_chapter_numbers:true
add_chapter_numbers:true

mark_new_chapters:latestonly

replace_xbr_with_hr:3
replace_hr:false
replace_br_with_p:true
keep_empty_tags:p,td,th
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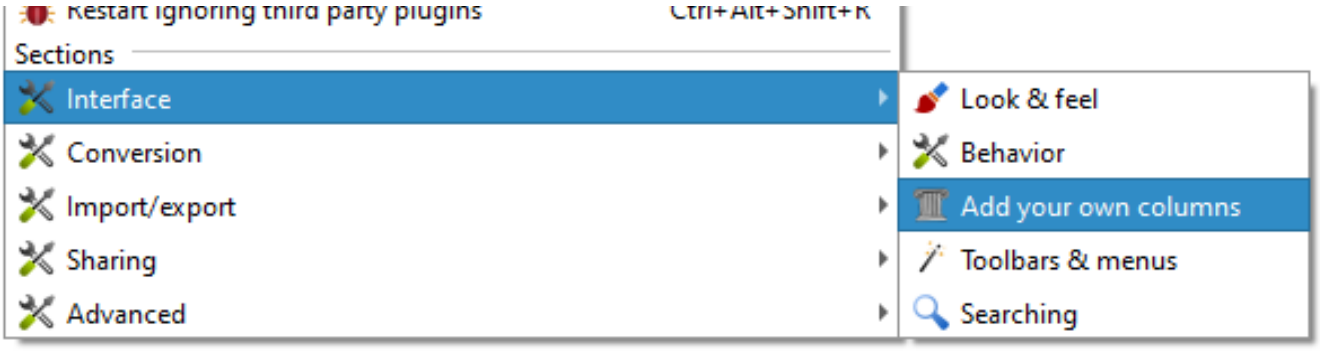
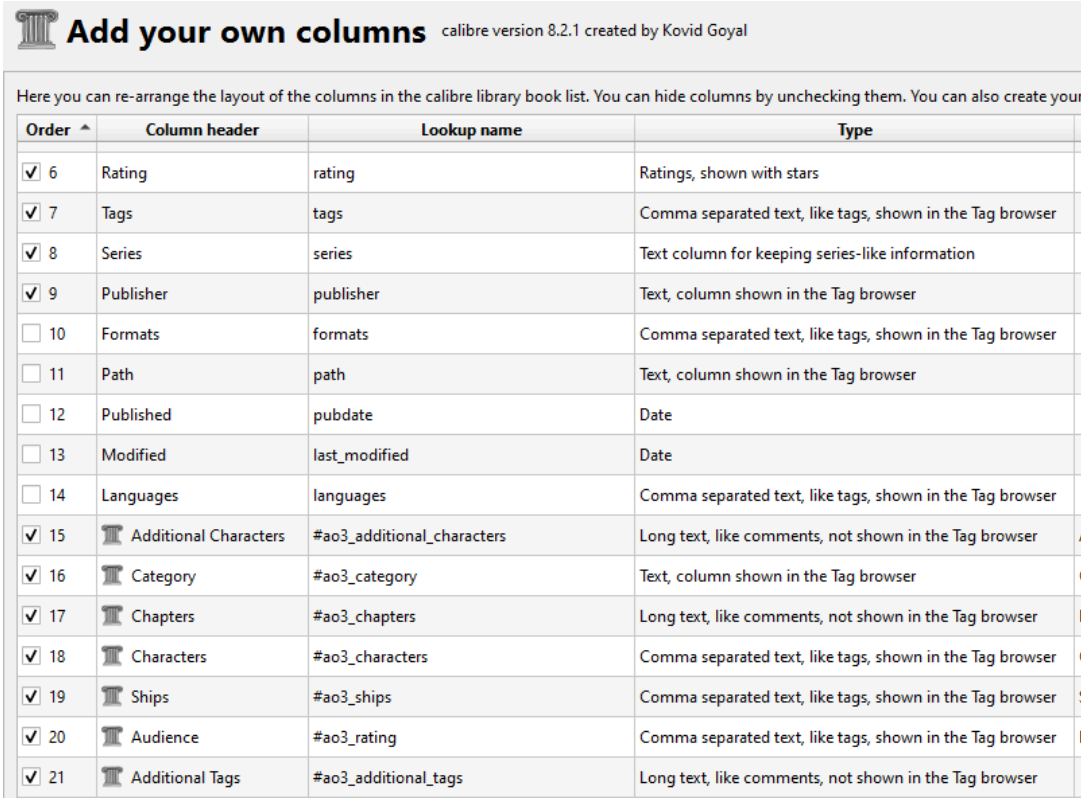
Okay, now that that is all put in**…restart the app with the handy blue arrow on the toolbar and leave the fanficfare plugin settings to the (figurative) side for now** (we will get back to it later to finish it all up after some other things.)

Now we gotta add our custom columns to make everything all nice and well tagged! **Go to Preferences > Interface > Add your own columns**



Click the little **‘add custom column’** button on the page that appears has a **green + sign** next to it and throw in the info so it looks like what I have screenshotted here. It will take it from the coding, so they HAVE TO match up exactly. Careful with extra spaces, misspellings or accidental capitalization, etc.



Add your own columns calibre version 8.2.1 created by Kovid Goyal

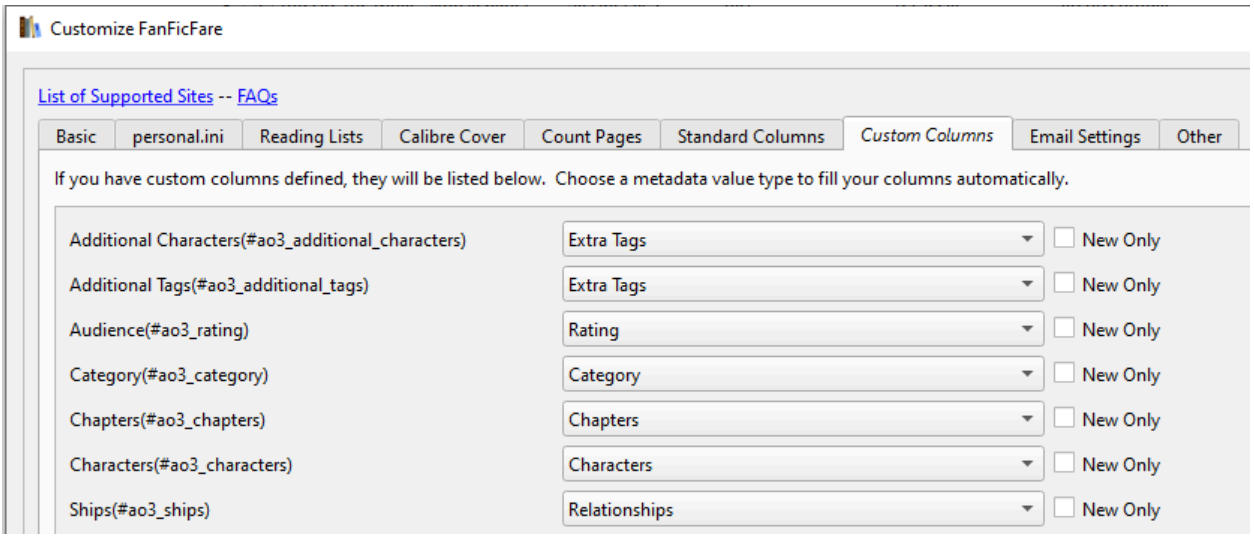
Here you can re-arrange the layout of the columns in the calibre library book list. You can hide columns by unchecking them. You can also create your

Order	Column header	Lookup name	Type
☑ 6	Rating	rating	Ratings, shown with stars
☑ 7	Tags	tags	Comma separated text, like tags, shown in the Tag browser
☑ 8	Series	series	Text column for keeping series-like information
☑ 9	Publisher	publisher	Text, column shown in the Tag browser
☐ 10	Formats	formats	Comma separated text, like tags, shown in the Tag browser
☐ 11	Path	path	Text, column shown in the Tag browser
☐ 12	Published	pubdate	Date
☐ 13	Modified	last_modified	Date
☐ 14	Languages	languages	Comma separated text, like tags, shown in the Tag browser
☑ 15	Additional Characters	#ao3_additional_characters	Long text, like comments, not shown in the Tag browser
☑ 16	Category	#ao3_category	Text, column shown in the Tag browser
☑ 17	Chapters	#ao3_chapters	Long text, like comments, not shown in the Tag browser
☑ 18	Characters	#ao3_characters	Comma separated text, like tags, shown in the Tag browser
☑ 19	Ships	#ao3_ships	Comma separated text, like tags, shown in the Tag browser
☑ 20	Audience	#ao3_rating	Comma separated text, like tags, shown in the Tag browser
☑ 21	Additional Tags	#ao3_additional_tags	Long text, like comments, not shown in the Tag browser

Also, this lowkey can take a bit putting them in, sorry y’all. There will also be other things that you can change when you’re actually making the columns but just pay attention to the information that you see IN THE SCREENSHOT ABOVE. The other stuff isn’t important so eh, just ignore it.

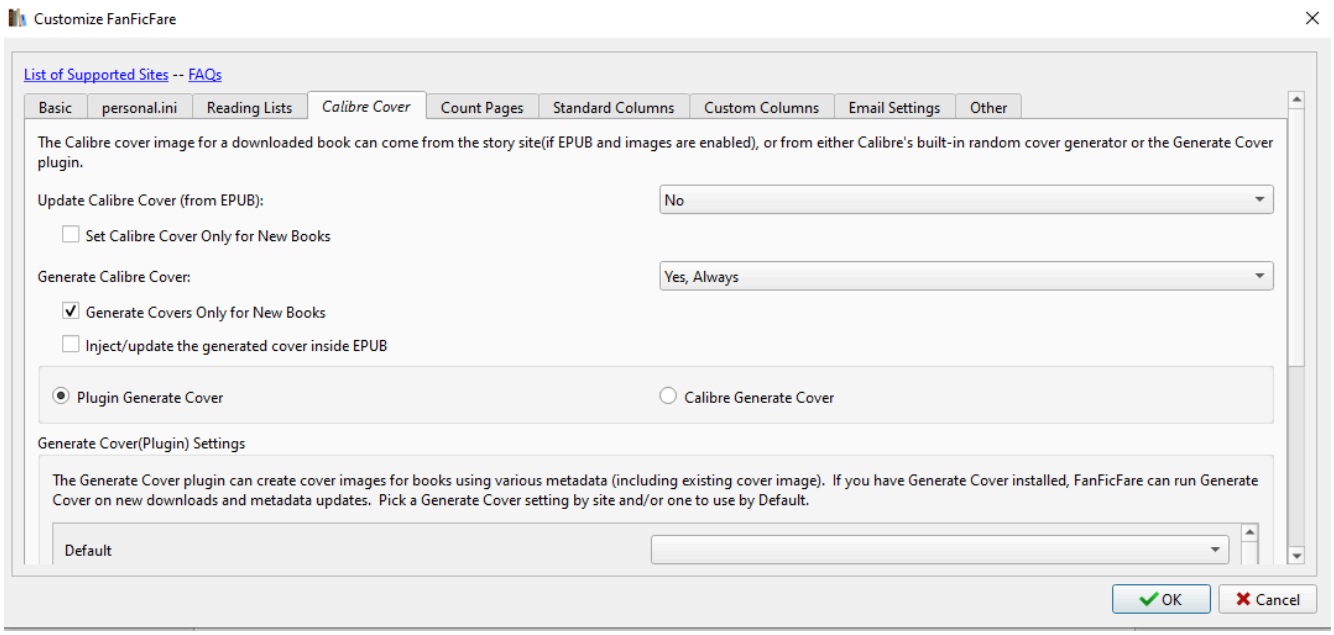
You will be told that the app has to restart after you're done and hit ‘apply’. Go ahead and do it. After it restarts…VOILA, new tag columns! (if you did it right)

Now we’re gonna go back to the **fanficfare plugin** and configure it some more on the ‘**custom columns’ tab**! This will make the plugin actually utilize the columns for metadata when you begin uploading things! (so it’s very important!)
Just make it look like this by selecting the correct one from the menu that appears and then restart the app when you’re done: (I promise we’re almost done!)



Then, for the cover plugin to work, you just need to pop over to the ‘Calibre Cover’ tab and set it to have the plugin make the cover for you instead of the base level calibre cover creator (it’s bad so this is worth the plugin).

Just make it look like this:


Customize FanFicFare
List of Supported Sites -- FAQs
Basic
personal.ini
Reading Lists
Calibre Cover
Count Pages
Standard Columns
Custom Columns
Email Settings
Other
The Calibre cover image for a downloaded book can come from the story site(if EPUB and images are enabled), or from either Calibre's built-in random cover generator or the Generate Cover plugin.
Update Calibre Cover (from EPUB):
No
Set Calibre Cover Only for New Books
Generate Calibre Cover:
Yes, Always
Generate Covers Only for New Books
Inject/update the generated cover inside EPUB
Plugin Generate Cover
Calibre Generate Cover
Generate Cover(Plugin) Settings
The Generate Cover plugin can create cover images for books using various metadata (including existing cover image). If you have Generate Cover installed, FanFicFare can run Generate Cover on new downloads and metadata updates. Pick a Generate Cover setting by site and/or one to use by Default.
Default
OK
Cancel

Now, we get to quickly make some better covers!

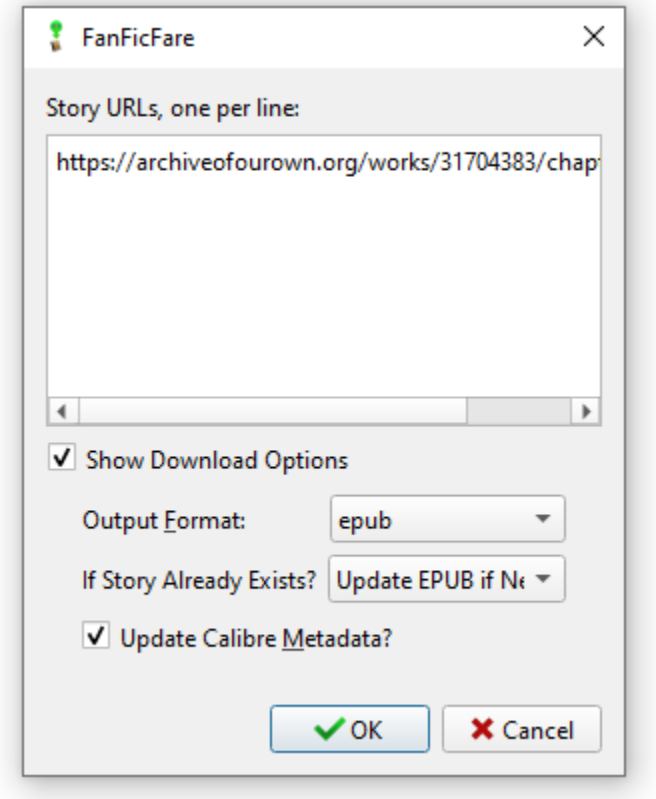
Sorry if it's a bit odd, but the way I have it set up makes it so that I have a simple cover that's easier for me to see on my tiny Kindle screen in the library and *then* the second page when you actually open the book gives all the extra information straight from Archive of our Own, so you can see more about it.

However, to even use the cover generator and then tweak it to be better, you have to download a fic first, (to have it make a cover and then tweak the settings, because it's silly and won't let you just tweak them first w/out a book or fic)

Now…we get to use the fanficfare plugin in all its glory for the first time!

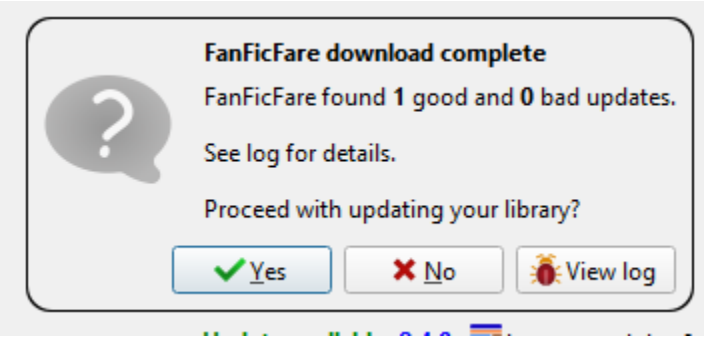
All you have to do is click straight on it (arrow on the right not needed this time) and it will pop up the dialogue box to put in your chosen fic's URL. It honestly may even auto recognize it in your clipboard and have it already.

It should look like this: (I am using a random Buddie fic in my example btw)

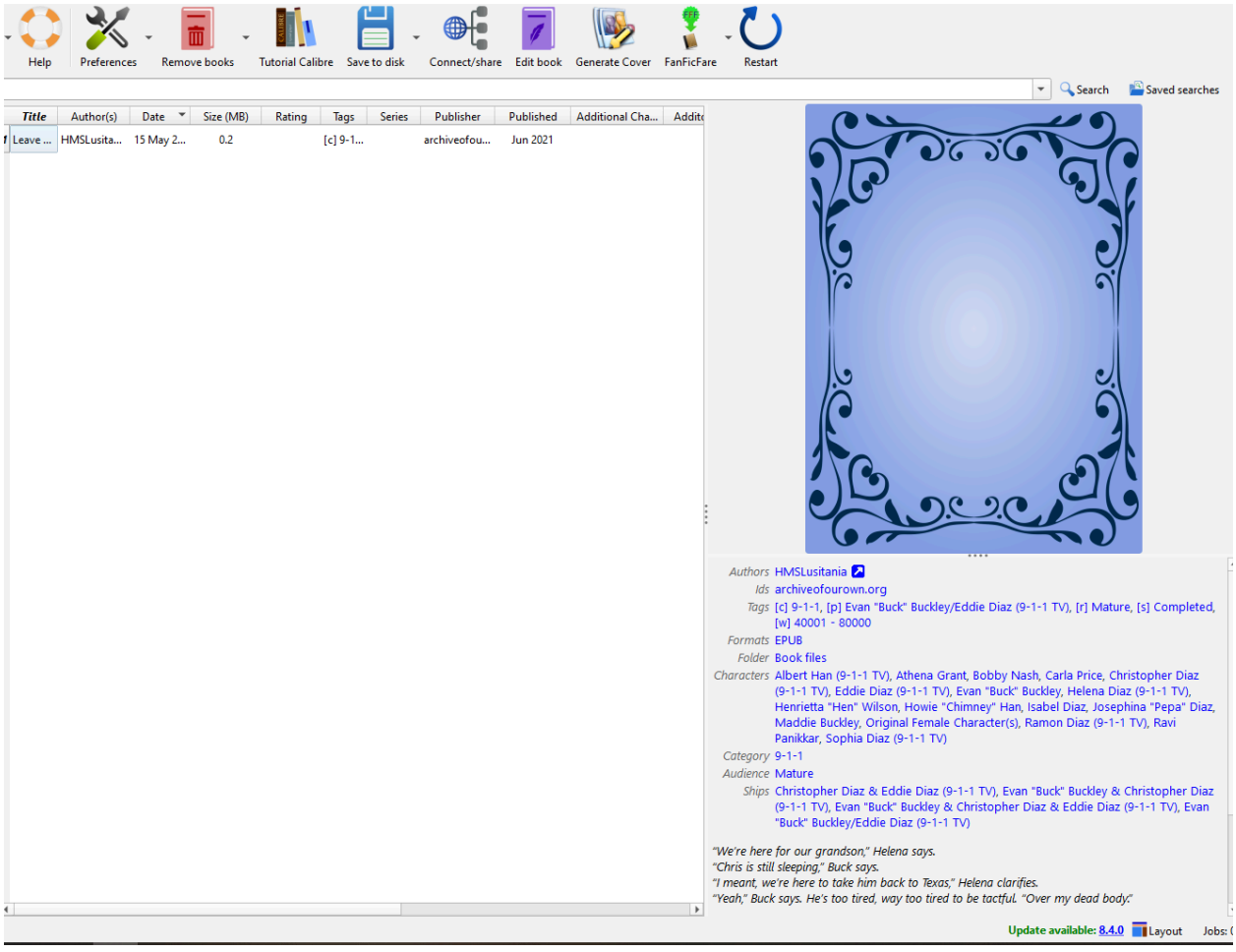


Click okay, and if everything is done correctly it will do the thing I warned about and open it in your browser. (First, the chapter navigation page, then the subsequent chapters in separate tabs.)

When it is done getting all the info, a little pop up will appear on the bottom right:



Click yes on the pop up and everything will transfer over! It will then look like this on your home screen: (obviously each fic will have differences though)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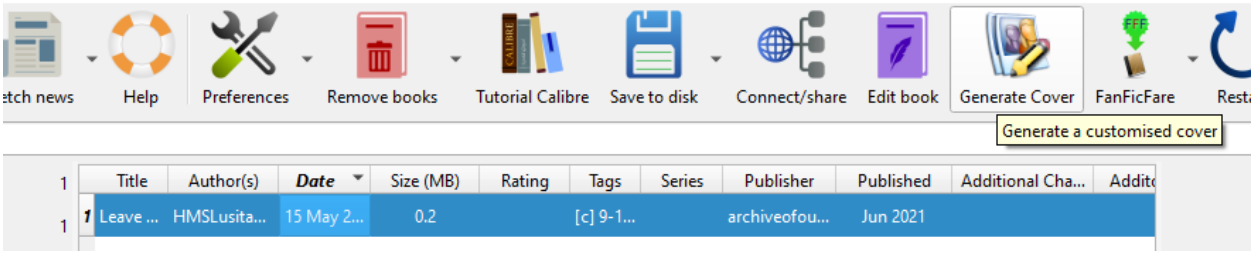
"We're here for our grandson," Helena says.
"Chris is still sleeping," Buck says.
"I meant, we're here to take him back to Texas," Helena clarifies.
"Yeah," Buck says. He's too tired, way too tired to be tactful. "Over my dead body."
Update available: 8.4.0
Layout
Jobs:

(Once again sorry the screenshot is horrid, you just need the general gist of it. There's a lot of info to try and capture on this document page shape lmao)

Then, you just click on the fic info in the middle bar of the homepage to make it be highlighted blue and then click the cover generator plugin button! (It will be ugly at first because it's just the basic setup that the generator comes with, but we are going to change that.)



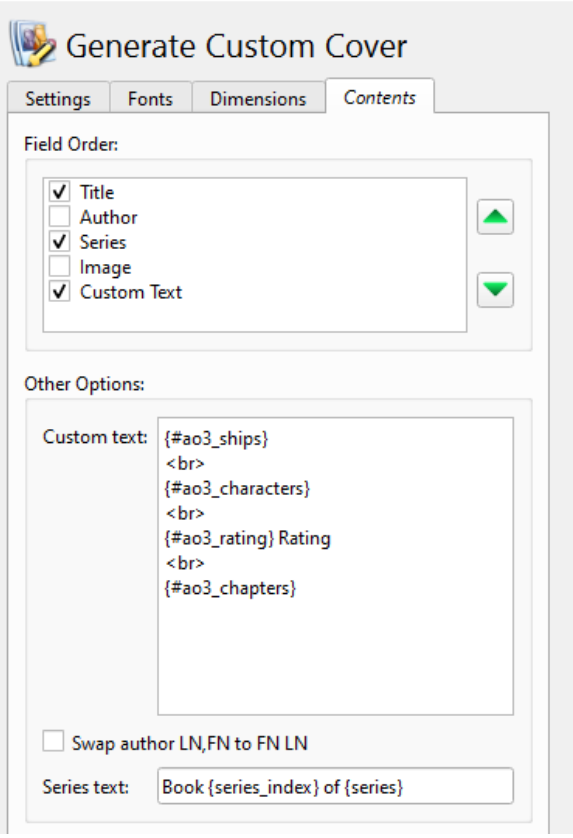
(Unfortunately the plug-in saved my settings from my other library, so I can't show you exactly what it looks like with the default, but it is really bad at first.)

Do not freak out at it's horrible ugliness and basically unreadable style though. I am going to show you my settings to just give a plain background with basic information.Instead of the ugly book picture And other not needed stuff for fan fictions that they put for covers. Yes, it is not the prettiest, but I just need to be able to read it on my tiny kindle…

Anyway, here's what it looks like with my settings by the way, I will add my settings in as a screenshot too. There's some extra info you'll want to add on the 'contents' tab so that it actually shows on the cover. Here's what you need, just make it look like this. Once again make sure it's exact or it won't work right:

Honestly, this is pretty easy to figure out, so you can mess with it super simply and make it a better color or font or whatever.
MAKE SURE ITS HIGH CONTRAST THOUGH. TRUST ME. IT HELPS.

(below: The left pic is the code you need for the cover, the right pic is my cover)



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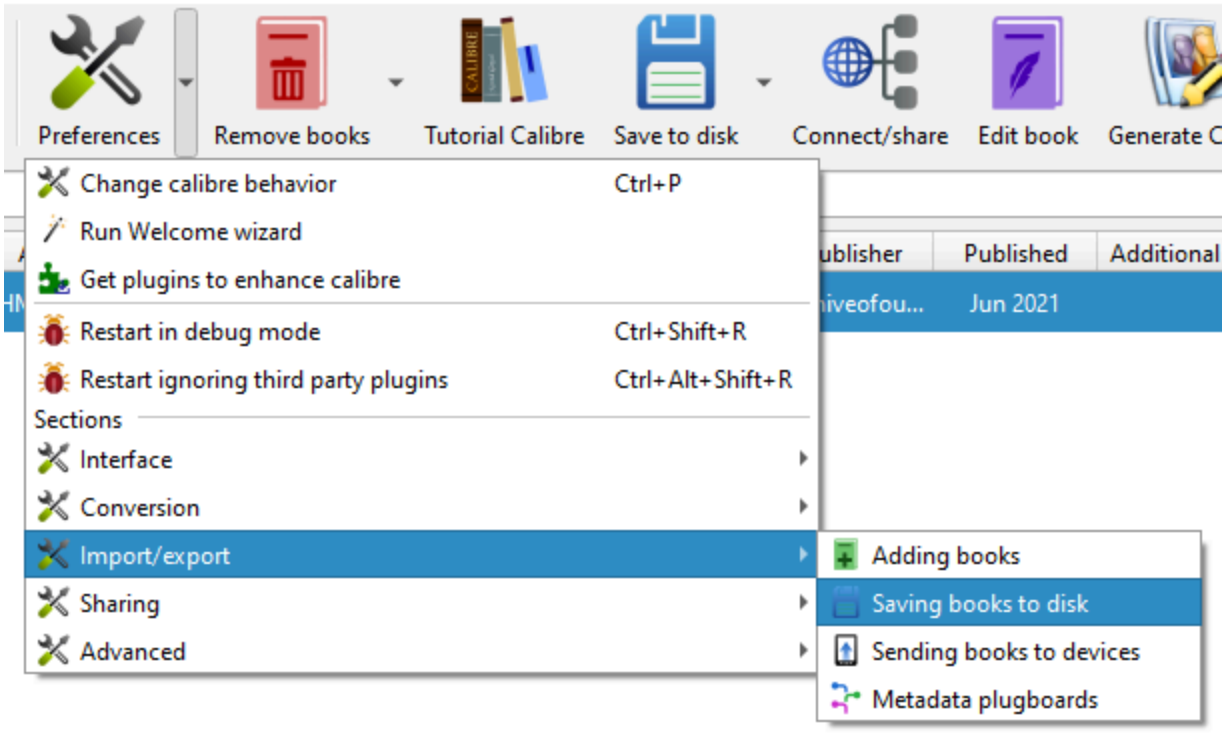
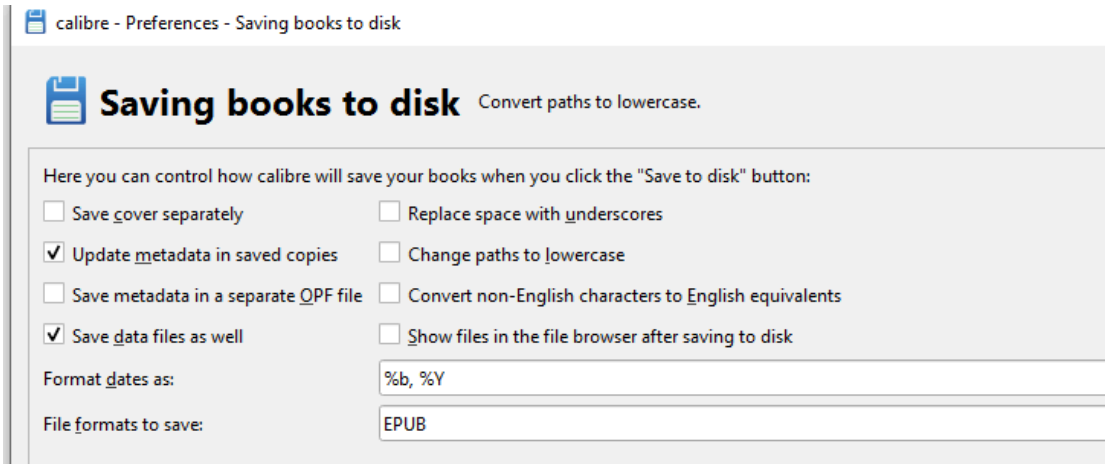
Next, we have to change some preferences to make sure your fic downloads the way you want when you are ready to transfer it to your kindle.
There are more “built in” ways to add them on Calibre, but Amazon has upped their firewalls and this way will allow you to mass upload stuff without having to approve every single file.

First, head over to **preferences > Import/exports > Savings books to disc**:



When editing it, make sure to **UNCHECK the 'save cover separately' and 'save metadata in separate OPF file' options** AND have it set to **save as EPUB files**.


calibre - Preferences - Saving books to disk
Saving books to disk
Convert paths to lowercase.
Here you can control how calibre will save your books when you click the "Save to disk" button:
Save cover separately
Update metadata in saved copies
Save metadata in a separate OPF file
Save data files as well
Replace space with underscores
Change paths to lowercase
Convert non-English characters to English equivalents
Show files in the file browser after saving to disk
Format dates as:
%b, %Y
File formats to save:
EPUB

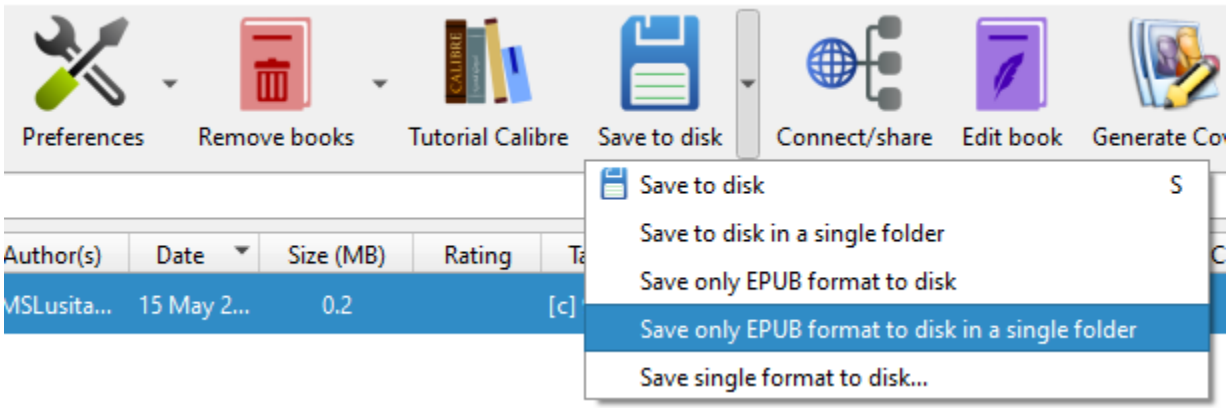
FINALLY WE ARE READY TO UPLOAD IT!! CONGRATS YOU DID IT! :)

When you have adjusted the cover to your liking and set it to the formatting we need for saving to your computer (to then add the file through Amazon's 'send to kindle' online service) you can finally select the place you want to save them!

(By the way, make sure you have the fic(s) you want to save to your chosen spot on your computer highlighted in the center area again for this)

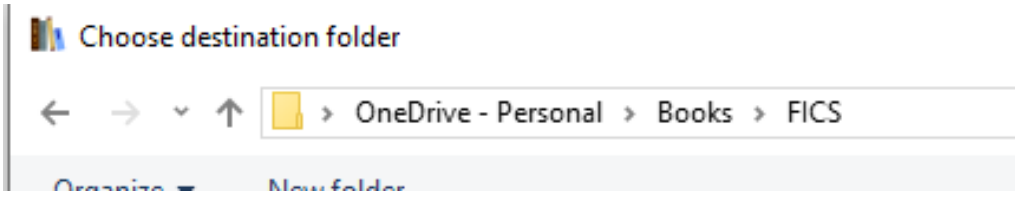
To save your fics for upload simply go to **Save to disk > Save only EPUB format to disk in a single folder.**

PLEASE make sure you are choosing the ONLY EPUB format in the SINGLE FOLDER….it will make your life wayyy easier, trust me!.

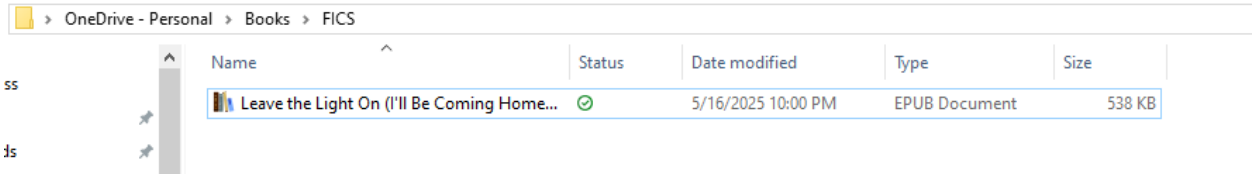


Once you select this, it will pop up a file explorer to ask where you would like to save them to.
-Personally, I made a folder *just* for this task where I download them until I can add them through the 'send to kindle' amazon site. After I get them on there I just delete them from the folder so I don't get confused and add them again.

(Here's how I have mine set up, folder wise. In case that helps!)



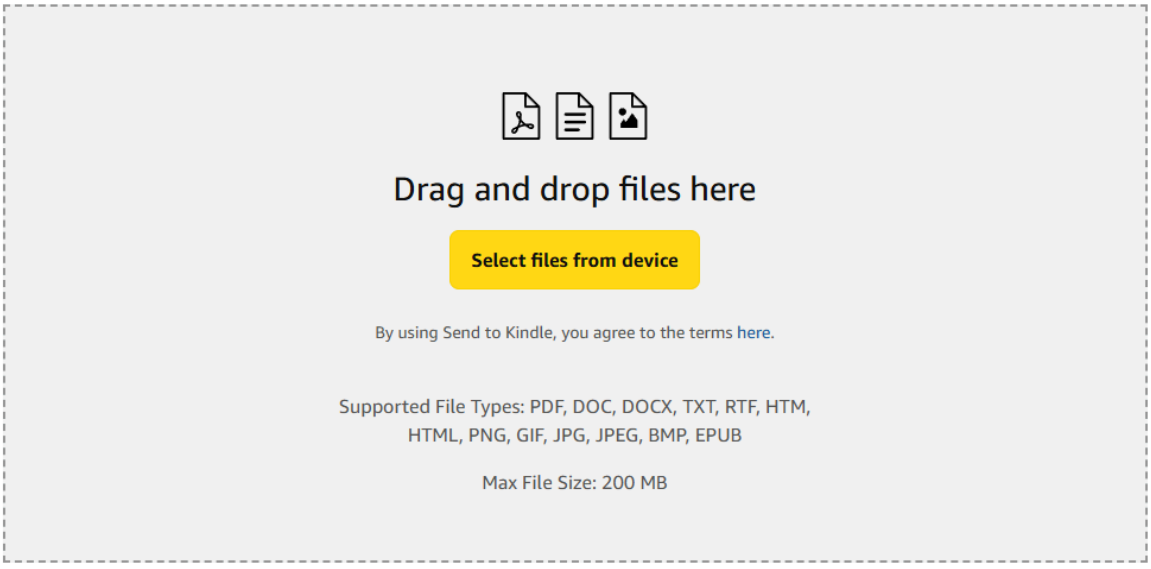
Once you get your save spot chosen/made, it will download it to the space.
The dowladed fic(s) will look like the pic below and then you can just directly select them on Amazon's site, no need to do anything else to them!



(What the fic file will look like)

Amazon will take it from there and throw the stuff on the kindle you have associated with the account you log into on the ‘send to kindle’ site!

(Voila! Here’s my example fic being sent right to my Kindle! Easy peasy! -Well, now it is after all that coding and fiddling…)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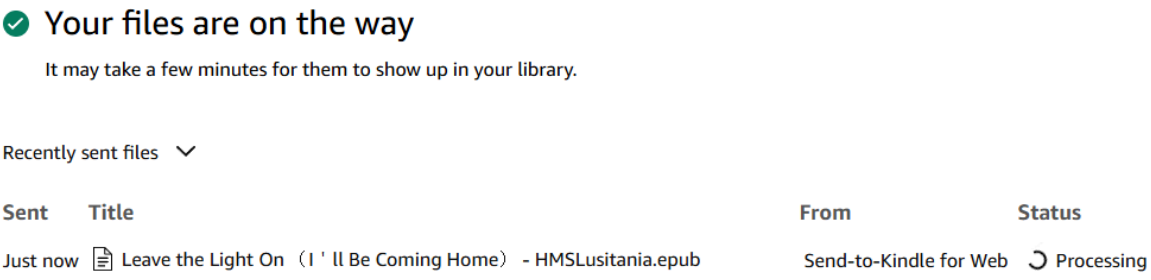
By using Send to Kindle, you agree to the terms here.
Supported File Types: PDF, DOC, DOCX, TXT, RTF, HTM, HTML, PNG, GIF, JPG, JPEG, BMP, EPUB
Max File Size: 200 MB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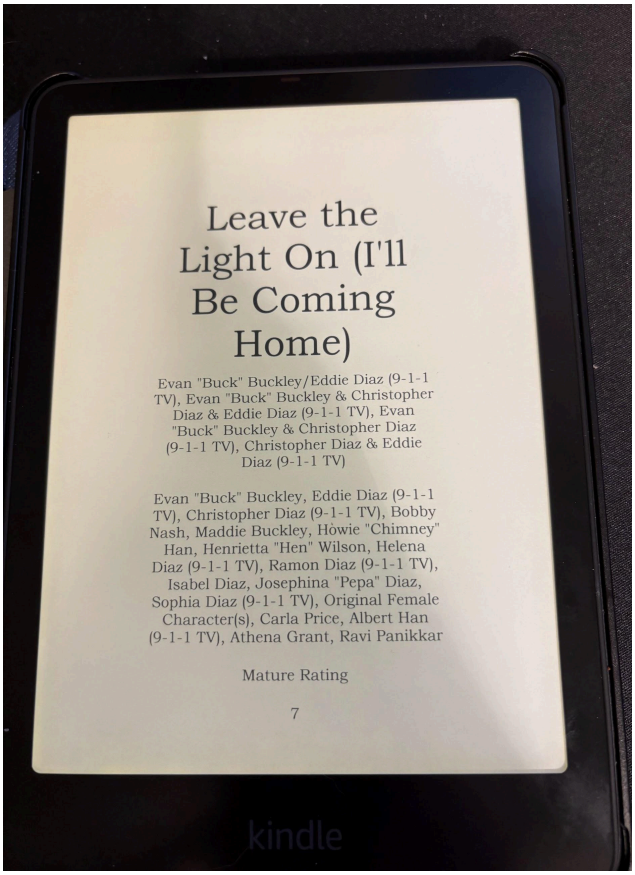
Low and Behold you now have your own little fic complete with a cover and all the juicy goodness you need, AND it's now on your kindle!

Here's some awkward pics of my kindle showcasing the fic I've been working with (sorry, it's hard to avoid glare on a kindle paperwhite screen for photos)
Looking pretty dang good for something I had to teach myself to do for over a week through Reddit and scary help websites, if I do say so myself haha

(Here's the title page from the plugin (left picture) and the extra second page with more AO3 style info! (right picture) They're simple but helpful)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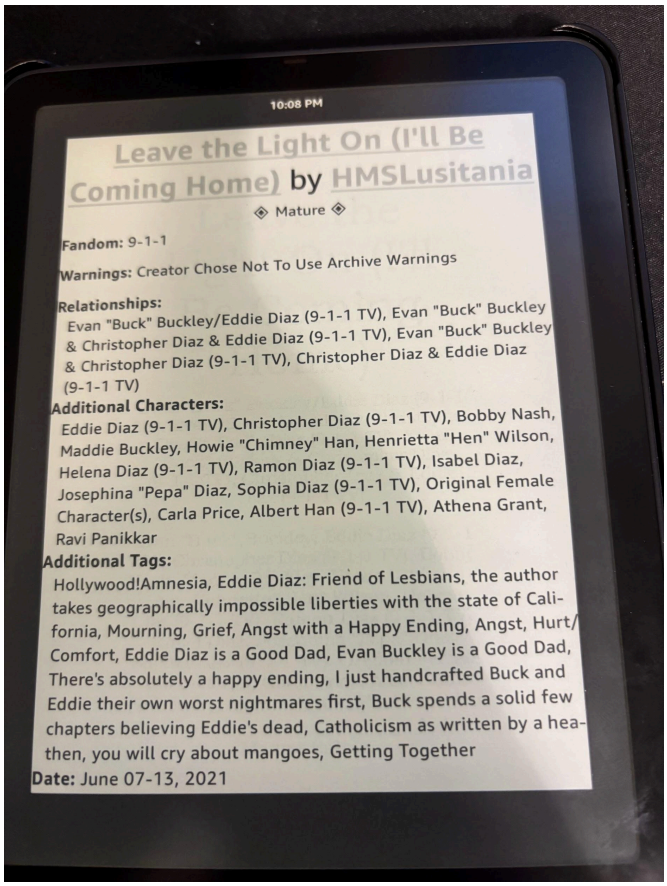
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And there you go! It's not perfect but it's certainly great to have if you prefer something easier on your eyes or less inconspicuous!

I hope it helps whoever may use it! -Grae, the creator of this tutorial)
(I'm also always here to help on Twitter (X) - **@grae418** is my handle! -as of 2025